Setting up of High Courts in N. E. States

2019. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the setting up of separate High Courts in the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) It has been agreed in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for each of the States in the North-Eastern Region; for this purpose, Parliamentary legislation is required. Till separate High Courts are formed, it has been decided to establish permanent Branches of the Gauhati High Court in the capitals of those States which require them by issue of Presidential Order, after the requisite infrastructural facilities have been provided by the State Governments concerned.

Complaint against Principal, Sainik School, Bhubaneshwar

2020. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received representations/complaints against the Principal of the Sainik School, Bhubaneshwar from the Sainik School Employees and Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken steps for setting the matter by arranging negotiations between the Associations of Sainik School Employees, Bhubaneshwar and the Principal; and

(d) whether complaints that the Principal had issued press statements amounting to encouraging regional feeling among the employees and attributing political motives against the Association have been received; if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some representations/complaints have been received against the Principal from Members of Parliament and employees of Sainik School, Bhubaneshwar, for not permitting the so-called Employees Association to hold their annual conference in the School campus, initiating disciplinary proceedings against two employees of the school for their acts of indiscipline and for allegedly fomenting regional feelings among the employees.

(c) The Rules governing Sainik School Society do not permit recognition of Associations of school employees. However, the employees have free access to the Principal for redressal of their genuine grievances. The Principal has met the school employees on several occasions to sort out their genuine grievances.

(d) A complaint to that effect has been received. Enquiries have revealed that the Principal has not issued any such statement to the press which encourages regional feeling among the employees.

Non-payment of various allowance to the employees of KALPAKKAM Plant

2021. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefits like production benefit, Shift allowance, hazardous allowance etc. that are given to employees of other Atomic Energy Plants in the country are being denied to employees of KALPAKKAM Plant; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF

STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

L.T.C. for retired Central Government Employees

2022. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions for grant of travel concessions to retired Central Government employees on the pattern of benefits given to retired Railway and Indian Airlines employees etc.; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes sir.

(b) The considerations on which LTC facility is available to the serving employees are not applicable in the case of retired Central Government employees. As regards the retired Railway and Indian Airlines employees even while in service they were given travel concession on much more liberal terms than other Central Government employees. Hence the retired Central Government employees cannot be equated with the retired Railway employees or Indian Airlines employees in the matter of travel concession. It is therefore, not possible to accept the suggestion for extension of LTC facility to the retired Central Government employees.

Promotional avenues for Junior Observers

2023. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued orders providing promotional avenues for Junior Observers in Central Water Commission:

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the orders cover the Junior Observers with initial recruitment qualification of B.Sc. degree; and

(d) if not, whether clarifications are being issued to cover the category of Junior Observers also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Observers Grade-II previously called Junior Observers (Pay scale Rs. 950-20-1150-EB-25-1400) have been provided promotional avenues to the post of Observer Grade-I, (Pay scale Rs. 1320-30-1560-EB-40-2040) to be filled hundred percent by promotion.

(c) The order covers all the Junior Observers.

(d) Does not arise.

Installation of pump sets in various States

2024. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any aid to the States for installation of pump sets during 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the number of pump sets likely to be installed during 1988-89, State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Central Government gives aid to States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for construction of minor irrigation works which includes installation of pump sets on ground water structures like wells, tube wells, filter points etc. and surface water sources like pond, river canals etc. For the year 1988-89, the Ministry of